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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Romanach et al. (US Pub. 2005/0003056) in view of Hoy (US Patent 6511687) and GB 2398055.

The instant claims are drawn to edible paper, edible ink and edible adhesive that is in the form of an edible sticker that comprises catnip oil or particles, the edible ink providing color. Romanach et al. teach an edible sticker that comprises an edible adhesive and an image that utilizes edible inks that is single-colored or multi-colored. See paragraphs [0036] to [0040]. The reference teaches an edible substrate. It does not teach that the edible substrate is paper and it does not teach the catnip aspect.

Hoy also teaches an edible sticker (see col. 4, lines 25-26) made from edible paper (also see col. 7, line 2) using edible ink (see col. 4, line 61) and catnip. See claim 17 and col. 7, lines 34-38.

The GB patent discloses edible paper, edible ink with flavors such as catnip to act as a stimulant to a cat. See abstract and claims.

It would have been obvious to incorporate catnip in the sticker of Romanach et al. or Hoy with the motivation being that catnip is an attractant for cats, as disclosed by

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Hoy and the GB patent. It would have been *prima facie* obvious to use such attractants because the secondary references have already used such with edible paper/stickers. Thus every aspect of the instant claims was known in the art at the time of filing this invention, i.e. edible paper, edible adhesive, edible sticker, edible inks that are dyed and using catnip as an attractant in such articles of edible paper/sticker. To incorporate all these known elements as claimed, would have been well within the ambit of routine skill in the art.

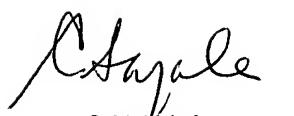
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. SAYALA whose telephone number is 571-272-1405.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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